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NEWS WORSE AND WORSE

Destruction Wrought Covers Larger Area Than First Advices Would Indicate.

Reports reaching Fallon at about 10:30 o'clock this morning, sent by the Associated Press from San Francisco, under date of an hour earlier, states that the situation is beyond the power of words to portray. The entire water front has sunk from 10 to 15 feet, submerging a large part of the business district, while the fire rages on every hand. Dynamite had been used in fighting the fire demon until this morning, when the supply had become totally exhausted. The water supply is cut off, with absolutely no hope of restoring it for weeks. In the meantime the fire rages, while a strong alternating wind has sprung up, and at the date of the message there was absolutely no hope of saving a single building in the main districts of the city of San Francisco.

The situation is appalling, and the total loss of life may never be known. It is now estimated to be 2,000, with an additional 10,000 injured more or less severely. The hospitals have been destroyed and the work of caring for the dead and wounded is carried on heroically, but under conditions that are shocking.

The zone of the earthquake extends from a point near San Jose to Mendocino, and a number of interior towns are totally destroyed, including Santa Rosa, where 10,000 people are rendered

homeless by the raging fire that sprung up as soon as the buildings were destroyed by the tremors.

The great loss of life, however, is said to be confined to the city of San Francisco. Even in Oakland, where tremendous force was spent, but six people lost their lives, according to the latest information conveyed by the Associated Press wires.

The entire civilized world is making every effort to render succor, and the Guggenheims have telegraphed a check for \$50,000.

Thousands of other contributions are pouring in, and the Washington government officials have dispatched several trainloads of medical supplies, clothing and food by swift express trains that are now racing across the continent.

Physicians and nurses accompany the trains, and officials are being sent also who will have the relief work in hand.

Ghouls have been at work in San Francisco, as in all preceding disasters, and they are being dealt with in a prompt manner that is calculated to discourage such brutal work. In many cases the dead have been stripped of their valuables, and the situation is one of absolute pandemonium.

The report stating that 350 lives had been lost in the Palace hotel is now authoritatively stated to be erroneous. Not a life was lost among the occupants

of the hotel, which was destroyed by fire several hours after the shock.

Consulting Engineer Saunders of the Reclamation Service arrived in Hazen this morning direct from San Francisco. He spent Tuesday night with his family in their apartments at the St. Francis hotel. The shock threw them out of bed, but according to Mr. Saunders they took their time to dress, afterwards making their way to the street. Here, a scene of indescribable horror met their gaze. Dray teams with their drivers were pinioned to the ground by falling debris. The broad cement walks had been turned on edge, and it was with the utmost difficulty that Mr. Saunders and family evaded the tumbling building.

San Francisco is now under martial law and no one is permitted to enter or leave the city. Ghouls are being dealt with summarily by the military.

A telegram received by Mrs. R. L. Douglass at noon today from her husband stated that the news as given out to date could convey only in small part the horror of the whole thing.

San Jose's business district is a total loss with some accompanying loss of life.

The theaters and churches were among the buildings to be first destroyed, and had the disaster occurred several hours earlier the casualty would undoubtedly have been many times what is reported. The magnificent college buildings at Palo Alto are a total loss, and the inter-urban section is suffering more or less from incipient fires.

At Sacramento great property loss was inflicted, but no casualties are reported.

The true accounts of the affair will not be known for several days, as all work is being directed towards saving the lives of those in danger.

The fire department of San Francisco worked heroically under over-powering odds, and Fire Chief Sullivan is reported to have been fatally injured.

The Cliff House, which was built upon a rock projection facing the Pacific ocean, was thrown into the sea, and is said to be floating on the ocean expanse, buffeted about by the waves, while many occupants are confined prisoners.

The water mains of the city are totally destroyed and can never be repaired.